

## **Northern Virginia Hospital's Local Human Rights Committee**

Meeting Date: July 26, 2006

Location: Northern Virginia Mental Health Institute [NVMHI] in the Meeting Room

### **MINUTES:**

<b><u>Members</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
Christopher Harrison	x	
Robert Dupwe		x
Frederic Puhon	x	
Betty Jo McDevitt		x
Flora Fenchel	x	

**Advocates Present** –Tim Simmons, Human Rights Advocate

Others Present:

### **Providers Present**

Inova Fairfax Hospital– Holly Thompson & Jayne James	Inova Mt. Vernon –
Inova CATS – Joe Dowd	Inova Loudon Hospital – Maureen Fowler & Catherine Stuart
NVMHI – Sally Garrett	
Virginia Hospital Center –	

### **Call to Order:**

Mr. Christopher Harrison called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

### **Approve Minutes:**

The minutes from the June 28, 2006 meeting were reviewed, amended, and approved.

### **Agenda:**

Approved.

### **Announcements:**

Ms. Garrett announced that she will continue revisions to develop a schedule outlining which provider will be responsible for taking the minutes at the meetings.

### **Public Comments:**

No public comments were made.

### **STANDING REPORTS**

Human Rights Advocate Report:

Mr. Simmons reported that the recent application of the pending new member is in the process of approval. He distributed a quarterly newsletter from the state to LHRC members. The newsletter contained a list of commonly used acronyms.

Mr. Simmons announced that the new Regional Advocate is Ms. Deb Lockhart (currently NVTC's Advocate). She took office July 1, 2006 and is orienting to her new position.

Regional Advocate: N/A

**Affiliate Hospital Reports:**

Inova CATS – Joe Dowd - Copies of the report were distributed to the committee and discussed.

Inova Loudoun Hospital – Catherine Stuart - Copies of the report were distributed to the committee and discussed.

General discussions about the bed shortage in Northern Virginia, rapidly growing population, lack of discharge options in the community, and the community service boards.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

In follow up to discussions regarding the standards that must be followed with consumers with NGRI status, Ms. Garrett confirmed that NVMHI's Forensic Coordinator, Dr Chris Khellaf, has been invited to the 8/23/06 meeting. Regarding telephonic equipment (conference calls/ speaker phones) – Mr. Simmons reported that the regulations do not apply to providers and that it is the committees' decision whether or not to implement the process. Sally Garrett to follow up on equipment availability and process required to implement. Mr. Harrison suggested that if the process is implemented, that each hospital provide patients the option to participate as well.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Puhan discussed the need for address correction to the provider list.

Mr. Harrison announced that any agenda items for future meetings should be emailed to him.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

The next LHRC meeting is set for August 23, 2006 at 7 pm at NVMHI.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Maureen Fowler  
Inova Loudoun Hospital